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Dear Howard:

Many thanks for introducing me to the activities of the ABCC. Although I have yet to talk to David Botstein or others, it has occurred to me that some thought might be given to making lambda phage libraries of DNA from the ~~FL~~'s. This requires only 1-10 ~~pg.~~ ^{ng.} of DNA to provide an infinite supply of a more or less random and complete representation of a genome that can be used at any point for detailed exploration of mapped and/or sequenced regions. Obviously an active collaborator would be necessary but I expect an agency like NIH could help you to find one. I believe 10 or 20 libraries from ~~FL~~'s at greatest risk (plus from parents when available) would be extremely useful in the long run. I also hope you will attempt to have some solid tumors preserved in nitrogen.

Best regards,

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